

swiftly and pass this important legislation to further extend the protection of privacy for all Americans. As Commissioner Parnes pointed out, let's help restore the sanctity of the American dinner hour once and for all.

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I am going to urge my colleagues to vote "aye" on this measure, and let's send it on to the President's desk.

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 781, the "Do-Not-Call Registry Fee Extension Act," and I urge its swift adoption by the House.

This bill is identical to H.R. 2601, which the House passed on December 11, 2007, to extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees to administer and enforce the provisions of law relating to the ever-popular national Do-Not-Call registry. The registry was established by Congress to enable citizens to place their personal phone numbers on a list that prohibits unwanted commercial solicitations over that number. By any measure, this program has been wildly successful—more than 145 million telephone numbers have been placed on the list, pesky phone calls from telemarketers have declined, and the FTC's enforcement has been vigorous—but the agency's ability to collect fees to fund this operation expired after September 2007. Therefore, we need to act.

By agreement with the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, we are sending the later Senate-passed bill to the President. At this time, I want to commend Representative STEARNS, the sponsor of the House-passed bill and then Ranking Subcommittee Member, for his leadership on this important consumer protection issue. I also commend Representative RUSH, a cosponsor of the House bill and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, for expeditiously bringing that bill, of which I am the lead Democratic sponsor, to the House floor last year. We would not be here today without their efforts.

I would note to the House that, as part of the agreement, the Senate today will take up and pass H.R. 3541, legislation also passed by the House on December 11, 2007, to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers from the registry, thus clearing the bill for the President's signature. Current rules provide that telephone numbers be removed from the list after 5 years, thus requiring consumers to reregister their numbers in order to fend off telemarketing calls. Most consumers are unaware of this requirement. This places a particular burden on the elderly, the group most often victimized by telemarketing frauds. The House-passed bill contains common sense exceptions as well as requirements to ensure the accuracy of the list. I thank the Federal Trade Commission and the Direct Marketing Association for their improvements to the bill, and I commend Representatives DOYLE and PICKERING for their strong bipartisan leadership on this legislation.

This strong package of bipartisan consumer protection bills will serve the American public well, and will stand as a testament to what bipartisanism and good will across the Capitol can accomplish.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 781.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY RELATING TO CUBA AND OF THE EMERGENCY AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF THE ANCHORAGE AND MOVEMENT OF VESSELS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 110-93)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, which states that the national emergency declared with respect to the Government of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba on February 24, 1996, as amended and expanded on February 26, 2004, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2008.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 6, 2008.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings

will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Res. 867, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 942, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 943, by the yeas and nays.

Postponed votes on H. Con. Res. 283, H. Res. 947, and H.R. 4848 will be taken tomorrow.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

COMMENDING THE HOUSTON DYNAMO SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2007 MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER CUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 867, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Hampshire (Mr. HODES) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 867.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 373, nays 0, not voting 56, as follows:

[Roll No. 29]

YEAS—373

Abercrombie	Camp (MI)	Drake
Ackerman	Cantor	Dreier
Aderholt	Capito	Duncan
Akin	Capps	Edwards
Allen	Capuano	Ehlers
Altmire	Cardoza	Ellison
Andrews	Carnahan	Ellsworth
Arcuri	Carney	Emanuel
Baca	Carter	Emerson
Bachmann	Castle	Engel
Bachus	Castor	English (PA)
Baird	Chabot	Eshoo
Barrett (SC)	Chandler	Etheridge
Barrow	Clarke	Everett
Bartlett (MD)	Clay	Fallin
Barton (TX)	Cleaver	Fattah
Becerra	Clyburn	Feeney
Berkley	Coble	Ferguson
Berman	Cohen	Flake
Biggart	Cole (OK)	Forbes
Billray	Conyers	Fossella
Bilirakis	Cooper	Fox
Bishop (GA)	Costa	Frank (MA)
Bishop (NY)	Costello	Franks (AZ)
Bishop (UT)	Courtney	Frelinghuysen
Blunt	Cramer	Garrett (NJ)
Boehner	Crenshaw	Gerlach
Bonner	Crowley	Giffords
Bono Mack	Cuellar	Gilchrest
Boozman	Culberson	Gillibrand
Boren	Cummings	Gohmert
Boswell	Davis (AL)	Gonzalez
Boustany	Davis (CA)	Goode
Boyd (FL)	Davis (KY)	Goodlatte
Boyd (KS)	Davis, David	Gordon
Brady (PA)	Davis, Lincoln	Granger
Brady (TX)	Deal (GA)	Green, Al
Braley (IA)	DeFazio	Green, Gene
Broun (GA)	DeGette	Gutierrez
Brown (SC)	Delahunt	Hall (NY)
Brown, Corrine	DeLauro	Hall (TX)
Brown-Waite,	Dent	Hastings (FL)
Ginny	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hayes
Buchanan	Diaz-Balart, M.	Heller
Burgess	Dicks	Hensarling
Burton (IN)	Dingell	Herger
Butterfield	Doggett	Herseth Sandlin
Buyer	Donnelly	Higgins
Calvert	Doyle	Hill